



SOUTHAMPTON: AN INTERNATIONAL CITY

Spanish Civil War Memorial



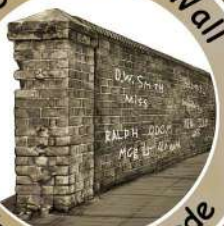
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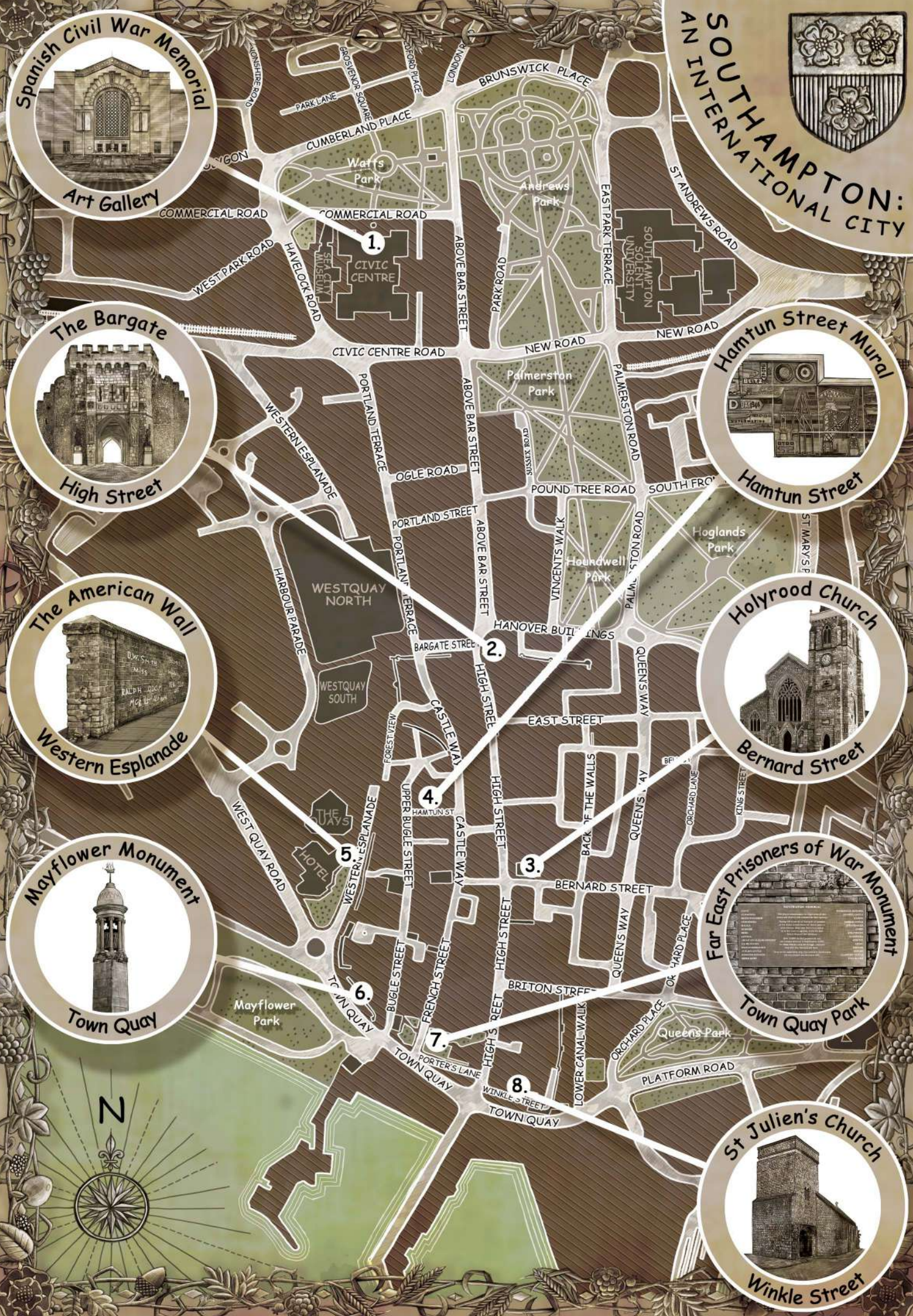


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Introduction

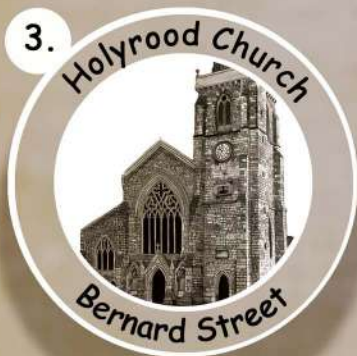
Step into the story of Southampton as a safe city, where everyone is made to feel welcome! This walking trail will transport you to sites of historical importance within the city that help to celebrate and share some of phenomenal tales of Southampton, a city and a community built on journeys and migration. Although each point on the map is marked with a number, it isn't necessary to complete the trail in order.



Spanish Civil War Memorial, Art Gallery
During the Spanish Civil War in 1937 a group of nearly 4,000 Basque children were evacuated from their home and came to England. They landed here in Southampton on the steamship Habana and were looked after in a large site just north of Southampton. Conditions were cramped and difficult, but they were safe. Eventually the children were moved to more permanent accommodation. Most returned to their homeland when it was safe to do so, but some settled in Britain permanently.



The Bargate
The Bargate has stood protecting Southampton for about 800 years. Countless people have passed through this large gateway. Merchants from other countries passed through with their goods of wine, wool and spices and sometimes people found safety in the walls of the town when areas around were threatened. Legend has it that Southampton was founded by a hero called Sir Bevois who once fought off two lions! These lions now stand guarding the Bargate.



Holyrood Church
There has probably been a church on this site for over 1,000 years. It was once one of the main churches in Southampton, but during the Second World War it was damaged by bombing. It has been deliberately kept in this state to remind people of the terrible effects of war. In 1957 the church was dedicated as a memorial to the sailors of the Merchant Navy who have sailed from Southampton for hundreds of years.



Hamtun Street Mural
This mural was created in 1978 by Henry and Joyce Collins and tells the story of Southampton from Roman times through to the late 20th century. There are images of many of the important events to happen in Southampton including the building of the docks, the impact of the Second World War and when Southampton FC won the F.A. cup in 1976!



The American Wall
During the Second World War, millions of soldiers passed through Southampton on their way to take part in military campaigns in Europe. Many of these young men were from the USA and while waiting to board the ships taking them abroad, carved their names, initials and other information on this redbrick wall. Those men have all gone now, but the wall is a reminder of the sacrifice of many for the freedoms we enjoy in Southampton today.



Mayflower Monument
In August 1620 a ship called the Mayflower sailed from Southampton to America. It was the first successful time that ordinary people from England had made the trip (although adventurers and explorers had before) and for this reason it is special. Relatives of the people who were on the Mayflower have returned to place plaques on this memorial. The most recent plaque remembers the native Wampanoag people who died in a plague brought by European and English invaders just before the Mayflower arrived.



Far East Prisoners of War Monument
After the Second World War ended in 1945, tens of thousands of British citizens were still in the Far East where they had been prisoners of war. In the autumn of that year, they arrived home. For those people, Southampton was the first place in Britain where they set foot, perhaps after many years. This plaque records the names of the ships that brought people safely home.



St Julien's Church
This church has been here for over 800 years. About 450 years ago many people fled to England from France, where they were being attacked for their religious beliefs. Many settled in Southampton and this became their church. These French refugees brought new skills and ideas to the town and helped shape the town for many years to come.

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